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ENVIRONMENT

Where will the buffalo roam?



Gracie Ryan/Montana Kaimin

Two bison stroll down a road in Yellowstone National Park in January 2014. The majority of Montana's bison herds live in Yellowstone and are not allowed to leave the park for fear of spreading the bacterium Brucellosis.

Cavan Williams

Montana Kaimin

Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks is holding a discussion on Thursday on whether or not bison herds will be moved onto public lands.

The discussion is the third in a series of meetings that includes conservation and agricultural specialists, state and federal agencies, county commissioners and state legislators.

Montana's bison herds are known to carry a bacterium called Brucellosis, which causes animals to abort their first offspring and can be transmitted to domestic cattle.

Almost all of Montana's bison herds live in Yellowstone National Park, keeping them

somewhat quarantined.

Chief of Public Affairs for Yellowstone National Park Al Nash said Yellowstone bison are not allowed to leave the park because of the disease.

"There is limited tolerance for bison outside the park," Nash said.

Outside of Yellowstone, Montana cattle are continuously checked for Brucellosis, but if bison herds were allowed to spread across the state, more checks would be necessary.

FWP Communication and Education officer Ron Aasheim said the meeting is to hear public and group opinions on moving the herds out of the park.

Aasheim also said there is a no-action plan that will leave the herds where they are.

The meeting will hear from all sides when regarding the fate of Montana's bison herds, and is open to the public.

"These guys down in the designated surveillance area raising cattle are paying an extra price," said Mike Mitchell, the unit leader for the Montana Wildlife Research Unit and a University of Montana professor. "If you have Brucellosis popping up in some other part of the state, then other ranchers are paying the price, and it's a hefty price."

Mitchell said there is significant effort to contain the disease.

"It can have devastating consequences," Mitchell said. "The minimum is they're going to lose calves of the year, but the

thing is if you have Brucellosis in your herd, you have to take drastic measures to make sure it won't spread."

Mitchell said Native American tribes would like to see the bison restored to their traditional habitat for cultural reasons and other people would like to see the bison restored to the prairie because of the integral part they once played in the grasslands ecosystem.

The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Great Falls and starts at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until 6:00 p.m.

No decisions will be made until after the meeting as FWP will seek more public comments.

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CAMPUS

Students entitled to 15 million dollar settlement

Jessica Mazur

Montana Kaimin

University of Montana students who received a refund through a Higher One bank account will likely be entitled to claim part of a \$15 million nationwide settlement between Higher One Holdings, Inc. and its customers.

In April 2012, a student from Ventura College, Calif. filed a class-action lawsuit against Higher One and their partner, Bancorp Bank, accusing the company of "luring" students into using Higher One and deceiving them about fees. The lawsuit went national in 2013 after students in North Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, Washington, Alabama, Kentucky and Texas also took legal action against Higher One.

"Higher One and Bancorp prey upon financially unsophisticated college students with deceptive, undisclosed, and unconscionable service fee," the complaint read. "Many of these service fees, having been paid with borrowed student loan money, will burden students for years, if not decades, to come."

The complaint noted that Higher One earned \$66 million in "convenience fees" in 2010 alone.

The parties arranged a settlement in which Higher One will implement policy changes and award \$15 million to members of the class-action lawsuit.

A motion to finalize the settlement was approved on Monday. A final hearing on Nov. 24 by Judge Vanessa Bryant of the U.S. District Court of Connecticut will decide if the settlement

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ADVENTURES IN DISCOMFORT

Come out if you want to

By Caitlin Piserchia

Even as a pretty openly bisexual person, the thought of National Coming Out Day makes me a little uncomfortable. When I knew I was bi but hadn't yet told people, it was a particularly stressful day. (This is hard enough — let me choose when I do it, damn it!)

If you're LGBTIQ, coming out to yourself was likely a challenge in itself. Then there's the "coming out" part of coming out, when you actually put yourself on the line and tell people you're something other than a cisgendered straight person.

When Anita Greene decided to tell her religious mom she was transgender, she was convinced she would lose her. Her mom cried. She told Anita she was afraid for her. But then, as Anita said, "she transitioned with me."

Her mom's prediction of rough times ahead turned out to be, according to Anita, "the understatement of my life." She's been rejected by people on the basis of her gender identity, and she's been physically attacked.

But she's also recognized her power to shape a world that respects transgendered people. "The more and more people I come out to, the more I find that people want to be accepting and they want to understand." Her openness has helped other people find a way to live openly as well, and it's inspired new allies.

It takes energy to maintain the illusion that you're superior to other people rather than to accept them. If you read James' column this week (or if you generally keep up with national news), you know that a handful of new states recently supported marriage equality. On the national scale, we're moving toward acceptance.

For the most part, coming out to friends and family was pretty uneventful for me. I was scared, and it was surprising and rewarding when they responded positively. My mom had the funniest (and most concerned) reaction, but she's always been supportive.

Even though coming out was painful at times for UM senior Tyler Kelly, he said it was also a huge relief. He felt like he "didn't need to perform anymore" — he could let go of trying to match masculine stereotypes. "Who cares if my jeans are tight? What are you gonna say? 'Oh, he's gay.' Ok... knew that!"

Before Tyler came out, he lived as he thought he was "supposed to." In coming out, he said his life took on meaning. After that, "it was like, this is what I want to do, this is who I want to be."

When I come out to new people, it's not usually just because I like talking about it. What I'm actually saying is, "Hey, who I am doesn't conform to this social norm. Are you going to be okay with that, or are you not going to be okay with that?"

If coming out is mostly about coming to accept myself fully, I'm still in the process. Luckily, most conversations I've had about my own sexuality made me feel more supported. Each story I've heard makes me feel stronger.

I still can't help associating National Coming Out Day with some old stress and a very clear mental image of a rainbow-themed queer musical parade, but that's okay. The stress is a good reminder that coming out meant overcoming fear and risking rejection.

Working hard to accept myself in this one arena has made it easier to accept myself more generally. I'm aware that people face a range of different challenges when coming out, but for me and everyone I've talked to, it's been so, so worth it.

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LETTERS to the EDITOR

My statements, in context with the EPA's proposed rule and the MDEQ's scenarios, should actually shed light on the fact that I and UM Climate Action Now are not fearful or against the Clean Power Plan. In fact I would say that it is not aggressive enough on climate change.

"Co-president of the student group Climate Action Now Gillian Ellison said the laws are outdated and not aggressive enough."

The EPA proposed a Clean Power Plan rule: not a law, tax or cap and trade proposal.

"We need to make this 21 percent decrease starting from 2014 numbers, not 2012 numbers," she said."

The numbers assessing the car-

bon reduction are starting back in 2012: what that means is that any decline in carbon emissions that has already taken place from 2012 to 2014 is counted in the 21% decrease in the rate of carbon emissions. The 21% rate decrease in carbon emissions is the goal for 2030. Montana has more than enough time to reach that goal and should start from the carbon emission rates of 2014.

"Ellison said the current plans will not reduce enough carbon emissions to make a difference to the mass of carbon already in the air.

"If we encourage the EPA and the DEQ in their proposed plans to only focus on mass reductions rather than the reductions of just a rate, I think that already would make a more aggressive stance," she said."

NDRC's summary of the Clean Power Plan explains that: "A state could adopt either the goal es-

tablished by EPA, which is stated in terms of carbon intensity (i.e., amount of carbon per unit of power generation) or the state can set a mass-based goal of an equivalent amount of pollution (i.e., number of tons of carbon emitted)." This is important because rate can change and the mass can stay relatively unchanged. A mass based not rate based decline in carbon emission would be more effective in combating climate change and reducing carbon.

All in all my comments are in no way fearful or against the EPA's Clean Power Plan.

However I know: Montana can do better than just a 21% rate decrease that already has a two-year head start.

Gillian Ellison
Co president of UM
Climate Action Now



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Capturing Clutch

By Jesse Flickinger

Scientists earlier this year at the University of Kansas began examining the saliva of their players weekly for cortisol levels. Their preliminary results have correlated so far with less of the stress hormone after high pressure games, or scenarios equating to better performances on the court.

So can clutch be captured? Griz point guard Jordan Gregory doesn't believe so.

One of the few holdovers from the last three seasons, Gregory said he doesn't think clutch is something that can be measured. Cherry's game-winning shot to send the Griz into the tourney two years ago came to mind.

Gregory was skeptical if Cherry's performance could be reduced to his cortisol levels; there were too many factors at play during the game.

"I don't think it's a way to explain something that's in your mind," Gregory said.

I'm skeptical too.

Stress levels are a good scientif-

ic basis to start at, but reducing the game down to the tiniest of microscopic levels can only provide so much. Correlation and causation always have a funny way of pairing up.

But say Kansas' sports science department is right. What does that say for the sport?

Do players who achieve a fuller state of zen prior or during a big matchup always perform well? If so, then clutch no longer takes on this elusive role where he or she has "it."

But Gregory is right, outside factors seem to be missing from the picture.

The other team's performance should play a role. And what if the team is too laid back, and does poorly? Does their performance still rely as heavily on their lowered cortisol levels?

It's hard to make anything out of it yet, but it might not hurt the Griz to light a few nice candles before they take the court for bigger games this season.

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DIVERSITY

UM struggles with diversity regulations

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New nationwide regulations are pushing the University of Montana to increase its hiring diversity.

The regulations require federal organizations and businesses to aim for 7 percent of their employees to be individuals with disabilities and 8 percent to be veterans.

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, or OFCCP, established the change to increase job opportunities.

As a federal contractor, UM must follow the OFCCP regulations that went into effect March 24, 2014.

However, reaching the benchmark has several obstacles.

"We are prohibited by law from asking questions that reveal the existence of a disability before a job offer is made," Maria Cole, UM's diversity retention and recruitment coordinator, said. "So how do you know if they are? You don't - we can't ask."

Cole said UM can recruit individuals with disabilities and veterans by distributing job postings and advertisements to organizations that can reach the intended audience.

She said individuals with disabilities make up about 17 percent of Montana's population, and veterans make up 10 percent.

"It's so important for the campus. We really need this," Cole said.

However, after someone's hired, they might not chose to self-identify as a person with a disability, or as a veteran.

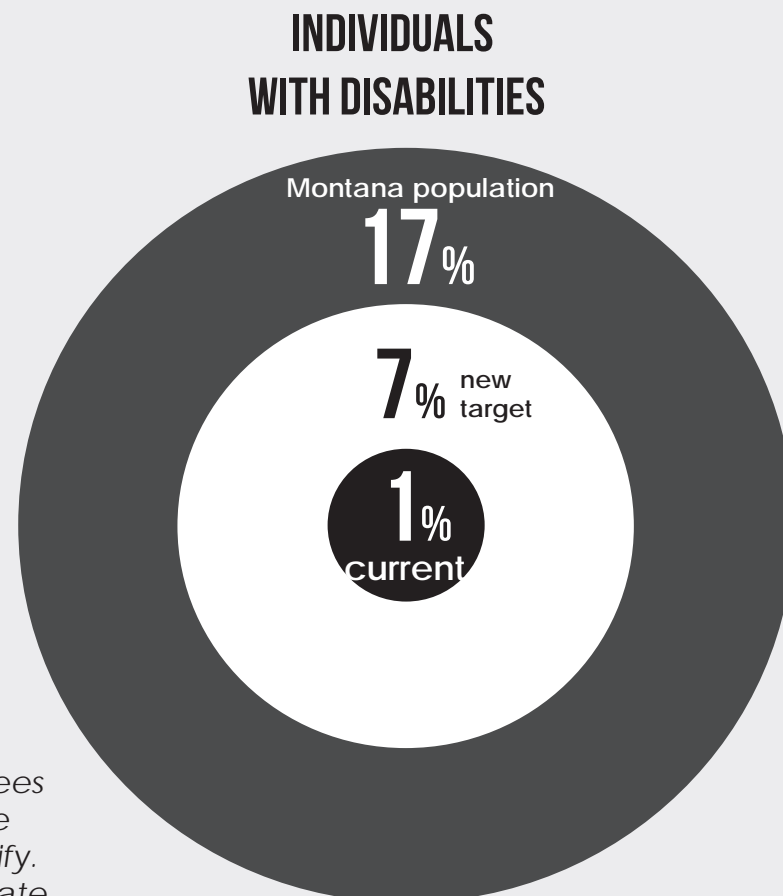
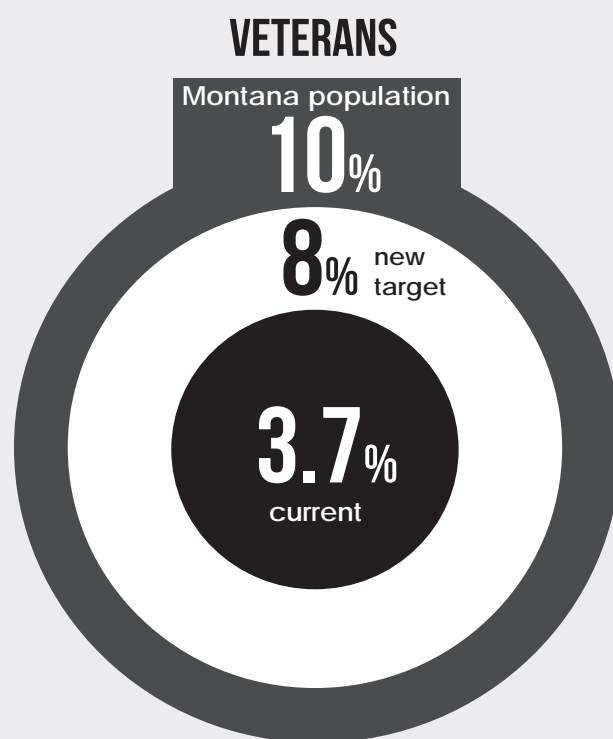
"We'd love to talk about resources that we can bring, but we need that data on the population first," Cole said. "Self-identify, please let us know, because then we can get together and say, 'What do you need, where do you find barriers on campus?'"

Cindy Boies, human resources training and development manager, said UM sent out an email invitation to employees to self-identify in April 2014.

The email was a part of UM's first annual effort to evaluate how many employees identified as veterans or people with disabilities, she

MISSING THE TARGET

New UM faculty employment targets compared with current employment rate and total percentage of Montana population



UM sent out an email invitation to employees to self-identify in April 2014. However, some employees may have chosen not to identify. Therefore, the numbers may not be accurate.

said.

After last spring's invitation, 3.7 percent of employees declared they were veterans. One percent of employees self-identified as individuals with disabilities.

"Sometimes people feel 'That's no one's business but my own,'" Boies said. "We're trying to counter those fears and let people know how con-

fidential it is, and that UM's committed to hiring, retaining and promoting a diverse workforce."

Boies said a way to self-identify through Cyberbear is also in progress.

She said it's unclear what OFCCP will do if the numbers are under the goal mark.

Amy Capolupo, director of disability services for stu-

dents, said she also suspects some individuals on campus have not reported.

"I believe once people feel comfortable reporting in a confidential way, we'll be a lot closer to that eight percent," Capolupo said.

Cole said if the benchmark isn't met, UM will need to review what was done over the past year to recruit diversity,

what didn't work, and what they will need to change for the future.

She said, on campus and nationwide, diversity is being talked about more every day.

"I think there is an awareness — change all across the United States — and that awareness is spurring action," Cole said.

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ENROLLMENT

New program looks at struggling departments

Erin Loranger
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University administrators recently created a committee designed to identify struggling programs on campus and come up with solutions to help them.

However, six consecutive semesters of dropping enrollment has some faculty members worried that the program will identify where future cuts could be made, even though the program's mission doesn't include the possibility of making budget cuts.

Last spring, Engstrom asked the Provost and Faculty Senate President to create the Academic Alignment and Innovation Program.

The 14-person committee includes professors, administrators and students. They have been assigned to identify "programs across campus that are challenged by low enrollment or perception of relevance."

Committee Chair Andrew Ware said the committee's mission doesn't include evaluating whether or not programs should

be slashed but some faculty members are worried.

"In a time when we are going through financial crisis and budgetary cuts, there is some concern that this might be the first step towards making a list of those programs which might be potentially cut," said Mehrdad Kia, history professor and director of Central and Southwest Asian studies.

Kia said he's also concerned the composition of the committee doesn't represent UM, and could hinder their ability to assess program strengths and weaknesses.

"If you really want to have a comprehensive understanding of all existing programs on campus, I think the makeup should reflect the diversity and richness of what we offer," he said. "It opens the door to selecting individuals with whom the administration feels comfortable with, rather than individuals who may have been labeled too critical."

Ware said names for the committee were supplied by the Faculty Senate, and aimed to broad-

ly represent campus.

"I think what we have is a committee that does have representation from most colleges," he said.

'The strength of the University is based on the strength of curriculum.'

Mehrdad Kia

Central and Southwest Asian studies director

Kia said it's ironic that UM's administration assigned faculty members to identify weaknesses and strengths in their own departments. He said issues like low enrollment and fewer class offerings due to vacant faculty positions are a result of administrative decisions.

"The strength of the University is based on the strength of curriculum. If it's constantly lagging and can't find sufficient

people to offer the courses, that is not the weakness of a department," he said. "It's a weakness of the administration itself."

Ware, also a professor and department chair in physics, said the committee is open to hearing concerns about administrative problems for departments, but departments have to include how additional faculty members will be beneficial.

"That really has to come with 'how is that going to help attract this major and how is that going to help this program overall?'" Ware said.

Shelby Wheeler, a student government senator, said she is on the committee to represent students.

"The task force is mostly higher administration," Wheeler said. "I feel like they don't have an understanding as much as the students who are living it."

She said she's not worried about budget cuts, and is instead excited about helping challenged programs.

"That's the biggest reason I wanted to join," she said. "A lot

of my friends are in struggling majors and they are so interested and they don't want to lose it."

The committee will also assess the quality of UM's liberal arts education, identify ideas for possible new programs form ways to combine multiple academic fields, and expand international and online offerings.

Ware, who is a professor and department chair in physics, said they haven't decided what criteria will be used to complete the evaluation.

He said the committee has discussed using data from the Budget, Planning and Analysis office, and will be asking department chairs for specific information about each program, such as enrollment numbers and whether students have a high demand for the program.

"Our task as a committee is to look for ways we can help them," he said. "The actual choices of where to make investments or to put dollars is a choice between the deans and provost, as well as the president."

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ASUM weekly review

ASUM approves Rafter 360 committee

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The student government approved forming a committee to consider revamping how students get textbooks.

The Associated Students of the University of Montana passed a resolution for a committee to explore the proposal from Rafter, the California book rental company courting the University with a program to charge students a \$215 flat-rate fee for textbooks.

"I think this would be beneficial for the student body," President Asa Hohman said.

Students, faculty, administration, staff and ASUM leaders will make up the committee. The resolution also requires the final decision on whether to implement the program be made by the student body through a campus-wide vote.

Not all supported the resolution. Business manager Ryan Hazen called it "one of the worst resolutions I've ever read."

It was first introduced two weeks ago and has been rewritten since, including a sentence

near the end saying ASUM doesn't endorse a partnership with Rafter.

Some disputed whether that meant anything if the resolution passed.

Senator Betsy Story said the sentence doesn't make a difference.

"Nonetheless, if we pass the resolution tonight, we are inherently endorsing Rafter 360," she said. She added that creating a committee was the first step to doing so.

President Hohman disagreed. "This very specifically does not endorse Rafter 360," he said.

ASUM also changed the title. The initial title was "Resolution of Support for Rafter 360."

Some believed this contradicted the non-endorsement portion of the document. ASUM changed "Support for" to "Regarding" and added a few words noting the committee creation.

Originally, the resolution called for any fee associated with the program to be an opt-out, which Hohman said would restrict the committee.

"I think it's very confusing to create a committee and then tell

them what their outcome should be," Hohman said.

Senator Sam Forstag supported the opt-out stipulation, saying he felt the resolution was ASUM's best chance to ensure their concerns are heard.

"Right now, we have a very strong voice in what we are going to do," Forstag said. He added that many of the students he spoke to who supported the program wanted an opt-out fee.

Senator Cody Meixner said an opt-out fee might raise the fee from \$215 to something students can't afford.

"An opt-out fee isn't necessarily an option," Meixner said.

Senator Nico Heimlich-Bowler agreed.

"It looks like we're trying to make this fail," she said of the measure's wording.

The group removed the opt-out request.

Also during the meeting, Dean of Students Rhondie Voorhees swore in Senator Kirk Hash, the first deaf member of the group. Hash spoke during the meeting through a video interpreter on a laptop in front of him.

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GOVERNMENT

Miscommunication tables ASUM liaison

Michael Wright
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A disconnect between the student and city governments led to the tabling of a resolution last night.

Senator Sarah Smith wrote a resolution to create a student liaison to the Missoula City Council. Smith wrote the student would have a speaking spot on the council's meeting agenda, meaning they wouldn't be restricted to the public comment period.

However, Mayor John Engen and Council President Marilyn Marler weren't aware ASUM expected a standing spot on the agenda.

McQuillan and Smith met with the mayor last spring, initially asking for a seat with voting power for a UM student. Engen told them getting a voting seat would be hard to accomplish, but that he wanted ASUM input on some things.

McQuillan met with Engen and Marler late last spring and he left the meeting under the impression an ASUM representative would have a standing spot on the agenda.

Now, half a year later, Engen and Marler sing a different tune. "We haven't talked about it for so long that I can't remember where we ended up," Engen said.

In an email Wednesday afternoon, Marler wrote, "No, there wasn't an agreement to have liaison have their own agenda space."

Smith and McQuillan decided to pull the resolution from the meeting. McQuillan said he would rather talk with the city officials about the proposal

again before ASUM votes on it.

"I feel like people often feel like they were blindsided by ASUM resolutions," he said.

The resolution would have required the liaison to attend at least one city council and one ASUM meeting each month. That structure may change, and the application process for the position hasn't been fleshed out.

Engen and Marler both said they want an ASUM representative to be involved in city dealings, as several issues overlap, such as transportation and parking issues in the University District.

"I'm serving the University too," Engen said. He mentioned student input is necessary on city legislation regarding housing.

McQuillan mentioned that the partnership between the two governing bodies ought to begin in October so the groups can be in sync by January when the Montana legislature convenes.

Engen agreed, adding that cooperation last session helped in funding the new Missoula College.

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MONTANA

What to know for Oct. 8

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Your daily look at news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today.

GAY MARRIAGE ADVOCATES TO SEEK QUICK DECISION FROM JUDGE:

A civil liberties group says it plans to ask a judge to decide its lawsuit challenging Montana's ban on gay marriages following a federal appeals court's ruling against similar bans in Idaho and Nevada. American Civil Liberties Union of Montana legal director Jim Taylor says he believes the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' decision against Idaho's ban will apply to Montana's case.

FWP SEEKS TO MORE CONFIDENTIALITY FOR HUNTERS, TRAPPERS:

Montana wildlife officials are proposing to keep confidential the names of hunters and trappers who kill any wildlife in the state. Fish, Wildlife and Parks spokesman Ron Aasheim says the proposal is in response to complaints that information obtained under Montana's right-to-know laws is being used to harass and threaten some hunters and trappers. FWP is submitting a bill for the 2015 legislative session.

BURLGAR OFFERS APOLOGY, DRUGS:

Prosecutors in Montana say a man caught leaving a house he had apparently burglarized apologized to the homeowner and offered him some heroin. Authorities say the homeowner and his 7-year-old son came home as Christopher Dayell Bittner was leaving Saturday. Yellowstone County Attorney Paul Adam says Bittner apologized and offered the drug. Bittner made an initial court appearance Monday on felony burglary and drug possession charges.

HARDIN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO STABBING DEATH:

A Hardin man has pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the death of a St. Xavier man whose body was found near the Bighorn River in November 2013. John Harold Holds III entered his plea Tuesday during a hearing before U.S. District Judge Susan Watters. A plea agreement calls for a 15-year sentence for the death of 42-year-old Franklin Red Wolf. Watters scheduled sentencing for Jan. 28.

SHOT FIRED IN CASINO ROBBERY:

Police in Missoula are searching for a man who robbed a casino at gunpoint and fired a shot into the ceiling as he fled. The man entered the Lucky Lil's casino on North Reserve around 1:30 a.m. Tuesday and demanded money from the clerk. Police spokesman Travis Welsh says the clerk gave him an undisclosed amount of cash and that the man fired a shot toward the ceiling that sounded like a cap gun.

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So far so good:

Griz perfect going into Friday match

Alexandria Valdez & Seaborn Larson

Montana Kaimin

It was a score years in the making.

Redshirt sophomore Savannah Witt approached Sacramento State's goal, passing the ball to midfielder Mackenzie Akins.

Akins cut through two defenders and chipped an assist back to Witt for her first collegiate goal, winning last Friday's match 2-1.

"It was picture perfect because it was from my best friend," Witt said. "It was really exciting and it really couldn't have happened any better."

The Montana Grizzlies soccer team is perfect through their first four matches in Big Sky Conference play, but they'll have a challenge on their hands this weekend.

The No. 1 ranked Grizzlies (4-0-0 BSC) take on the second place University of Idaho Vandals (3-0-1) Friday in Missoula.

The last time the Grizzlies faced the Vandals was in a 2012 pre-season game. Montana won 3-2 in double overtime after now-junior Mackenzie Akins scored her first collegiate goal in the 107th minute.

One of the leaders for the Vandals this year is sophomore forward Kavita Battan. She has two points, one assist and leads the team with 17 shots.

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SOFTBALL

Griz softball ends fall season on a roll

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In the program's inaugural year, the Montana Grizzlies softball team went 7-1 in the fall season.

After losing their first game in extra innings, the Griz won seven straight, scoring 10 runs in back-to-back games to finish the fall season.

"I think we came out and did really well," senior Kenzie Cole said of the season start. "We had to overcome some adversity, especially in the first game. I think we came out and played kind of nervous."

The lone loss of the season came in their very first outing, against Dawson Community College. Montana lost 2-1 in eight innings despite having four more hits than their opponent. UM also had four errors on the game.

The Griz bounced back though, winning the next three games at the MSU Billings Invitational over Great Falls, Minot State and MSU Billings.

Montana outscored their opponents 21-7 in those games, highlighted by a grand slam courtesy of freshman Lexie Brenneis that helped UM defeat MSUB 6-3 in the final game.

The wins continued to pile up as the Griz went on to win their next four games at "home." While the new softball complex is under construction near Dornblaser Field, the team held their home games out at the Frenchtown High School softball complex.

Cole said the team is eager for the completion of the complex as they have been practicing at Sentinel High School so far this fall.

"The fact that we're going to be able to have our own facility coming up soon is just really exciting," Cole said.

Fifteen of the 20 players on the team are freshmen, but Pinkerton said he is pleased with the enthusiasm and work ethic of the group.

"Early on, we were able to put pressure on other teams with our team speed," Pinkerton said, "and I thought we played better defense than I expected, as much as we were moving players around."

With such a young and inexperienced group, Pinkerton saw the upperclassmen of the team step up.

"Kenzie Cole, Meggie Reitz and Kelsey Lucostic were good leaders," Pinkerton said. "From a leadership standpoint, those three did a good job of helping out the younger bunch."

Not only has Montana put up a lot of runs, averaging just over seven a game, they've got solid pitching as well.

Junior Meggie Reitz threw a

no-hitter in the second-to-last game of the fall season against Columbia Basin, striking out 13 batters while walking six in the win.

Along with Cole, freshman Carli Riordan also produced good outings from the mound for the Griz. The combination of Cole, Reitz and Riordan have accounted for over 45 strikeouts this year.

"Our pitching staff is really strong," Cole said. "Coach Meuchel went over strengths and weaknesses with us and just looking at the stats it was really exciting to see how well we had already done so far."

The players will participate in weight training and conditioning during the off-season to stay sharp. The team also has hitting practice and defensive training before they return to the field in the spring.

The Griz return to play in early February for the Hotel Encanto Classic in Las Cruces, N. M.

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FEATURE
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Enrico Vinholi uses Wii remotes and an Xbox Kinect run through a band-pass filter to monitor his movements and translate them into sounds. It essentially turns his body into an instrument which he plays through dancing. Vinholi and grad student Tatsuya Ishii hope to eventually perform around the nation and help make their creation accessible to everyone.

SETTLEMENT
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is "fair and appropriate."

Washington, D.C. attorney Hassan Zavareei, who headed the class-action lawsuit, is confident the settlement will be approved.

"I think it's an excellent settlement," Zavareei said. "More importantly, we got them to change a number of their practices and eliminate some fees."

Higher One has agreed to implement some policy changes, including improving the clarity of fees, simplifying the process for transferring money

to other accounts and eliminating the "abandoned account fee" which charged students \$10 a month after six months of account inactivity. They have agreed to keep these changes and others in place for at least two years after the settlement is finalized.

Every student who has been charged a fee by Higher One between July 1, 2006 and Aug. 2, 2012 is considered a member of the class-action lawsuit.

University of Montana Law student Dan Knudsen said he was charged \$11 in fees for one ATM withdrawal. The charge was a combination of fees in-

cluding Higher One's \$2.50 fee for using a non-Higher One ATM and a fee from the ATM's owner.

"Students should be aware they're going to spend that kind of money, especially if it's money they borrowed," Knudsen said.

When he first signed up for a Higher One account, Knudsen said he was under the impression that he was required to activate the card in order to get his refund money. It wasn't until he started using that card that he realized there was a 50-cent fee for every transaction requiring a pin number.

"You have to use it like a credit card instead of a debit card," he explained, "which is opposite of how the card is labeled."

Higher One has agreements with 520 campuses, enrolling over 4.3 million students according to a study by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

The settlement will prohibit students from taking further legal action against Higher One for hidden fees, unless they submitted a letter to be excluded from the lawsuit prior to Sep. 16. It also omits any fault in Higher One's marketing or fee practices.

With over \$4.5 million in attorney fees and \$80,000 awarded to representatives of the class-action suit, the remaining \$10.37 million of the settlement will be split among members who filed a claim. About 200,000 members have already filed claims according to Zavareei, meaning each member will be awarded about \$52. That amount will go down as more claims are filed.

A claim can be filed at OneAccountSettlement.com. The deadline for filing a claim is Jan. 23, 2015.

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